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### REMARKS

The Office Action of December 4, 2006, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the above Office Action, Applicant was asked to maintain a clear line of demarcation between the present application and that of applicant's copending application Serial No. 10/496,342. New claims 37-50 have been added and claims 1-15 and 30-36 have been cancelled in response to the Examiner's request.

Independent claims 37 and 46 have been added as set forth above to recite a safety valve assembly where the valve is arranged to be remotely, wirelessly, and electronically operable (as previously set forth in claim 7), and moreover, that the valve is so operable by a portable device. The compatibility of the remotely, wirelessly, and electronically operable valve with a portable remote wireless electronically operable control device advantageously allows a serviceman to use a single portable remote wireless electronically operable control device to control multiple valves at different spaced locations across the country, and likewise, a single remotely, wirelessly, and electronically operable valve to be controlled by multiple portable remote wireless electronically operable control devices.

In contrast, U.S. Patent No. 6,123,093 to D'Antonio et al. discloses a sensor and transmitting system 17 and a receiving and regulating system 19 wherein the sensor and transmitting system 17 is fixed at a detection site. More particularly, the sensor is intended to be purchased by a house owner or property owner and fixedly installed in a position on the house or property in order to protect the same for the benefit on the home owner. Thus, while the sensor and transmitting system 17 is

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remote from the receiving and regulating system 19, the sensor and transmitting system 17 is in a fixed location.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 37 and 46 are patentable over the cited references. The remaining claims are dependent upon claims 37 or 46 and are also patentable based at least upon their dependence therefrom.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application; the Examiner is kindly invited to call the undersigned counsel for Applicant regarding the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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